

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Bedford et al.

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Title: USE OF ENZYME FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF AN AGENT FOR
CONTROLLING BACTERIAL
INFECTION

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Examiner: M. Meller

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 30, 2001,
the Applicants wish to put forth the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claim.

Sub B 29. A method for treating or preventing a bacterial infection in an animal caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, comprising feeding the animal an animal feed which comprises a β -glucanase and at least about 25% by weight wheat, the β -glucanase being included in the animal feed in an amount effective for treating or preventing the bacterial infection.